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Cultural Arts Advisory Commission
December 19, 2025
12:00 PM

In Attendance: Makenna Thompson, Pete Wolfley, David Blackinton, Mike Ramsey, Nathan Christiansen, Lia Collings, Adam Robertson, LaNae Millett

Absent: Cody Hale, Scott Swain, Michael Smith, Stephanie Goodman, La Beene

Agenda Items:

Approve Meeting Minutes of November 21st, 2025

Lia Collings motions to approve, Mike Ramsey seconds.

All in favor: Makenna Thompson, Pete Wolfley, David Blackinton, Mike Ramsey, Nathan Christiansen, Lia Collings, Adam Robertson, LaNae Millett

All in favor: N/A

- **2025 Year in Review**
 - The group discussed the changes that took place this year, how we improved and how we can continue to improve going into the new year.
 - Spoke about the concert series, was a great improvement and everyone was very professional
 - Sweetheart sing in was reviewed and Nathan Christiansen wants to continue with that next year
 - The art box project needs to be finalized by the legal team before that project can move forward.
 - Heart of Downtown, feedback from past meetings has been submitted, looking forward to seeing what happens next in the new year.
 - Taste of Orem
 - Less rock and roll, more variety of music to match the theme of the event and inclusivity of different cultures.
 - Idea to have speakers talk about their countries and cultures rather than focusing just on music.
- **Looking Forward at 2026**
 - Art/music stroll, wanting to lock that in for 2026.
 - Mike Ramsey had an idea to include art along the stroll and something informational for children to learn more about art as they walk the path.
 - Movie sing along in the library hall, is it happening?
 - Briefly mentioned the America 250 celebration

- **World Folkfest Proposal**
 - Spoke about how much they love Orem, they want to have 3 performances in Orem.
 - 12 performing groups being brought to the farmers market.
 - Idea to have more cultural based food trucks on this night.
 - Idea to have just a concert series on nights other than Wednesday to see if there are better nights to hold these types of events to get a bigger turnout.
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- **CARE Tax Timeline**
 - Let our art ambassadors groups know that applications start in January.
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- **Art Ambassadors Report**
 - Those present went around and gave updates on their varying groups, everything seems to be going well with all groups and no concerns were raised.